

DDSP's Hubler Longest Serving Civilian

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Fred Hubler, Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) Communications Specialist, has seen more than twenty base commanders come and go since he first started working at the installation in 1972. His government service even pre-dates that, starting as a Telephone Lineman for the Air Force in 1954. Holding the title for DDSP employee with the most seniority—Federal Service Time - has seemed to creep up on Hubler.

"I thought I would make this a career, but never imagined it being this long," he says with a smile. And quite a career it has been for Hubler, who has managed to stay in the same department for over 30 years, telephone communications. "It used to be that if a call wasn't processing, we would literally get into the machines and do diagnostics. We used to use tools and all sorts of adjusters, now a computer does it all. It's so much more convenient now."

The machines Hubler is talking about are the Meridian SL-100s, located in Building 14 in New Cumberland. Giving off a loud

hum, these towering electronics are responsible for all incoming and outgoing calls made on the installation. Hubler loves his job "that never gets boring," and is known to play a good bit of golf after work, on the base. His hobbies also include hunting and fishing, and spending time with his family.

Employed at New Cumberland installation since 1972, Fred Hubler joined the military in 1954 and holds seniority at DDSP.



Easy Riders

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Officers Jennifer Cook, Tina Nealy, and Todd Vash ride in the newly formed Department of Defense (DoD) Police Bicycle Unit at the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) New Cumberland installation. Each officer has been trained to handle the fully equipped 30 lb. bikes in all kinds of aggressive situations. Over an intensive two-week training course in Glynco, Georgia these "bike cops" went through different challenges to learn skill & handling, from riding up stairs to timed obstacle courses. Next came endurance tests, with long bike rides to measure stamina. Their training also provided nighttime riding and role-playing to handle specific situations.

The Smith & Wesson bicycles provide a valued advantage to patrolling the base. Chief of Public Safety LtCol David Fisher, USMC, notes, "Not only do these bikes cover a lot of ground that vehicles cannot reach, but community relations improve because these officers are more approachable." The bikers will ride in teams and alone, primarily patrolling warehouses, the golf course, and housing but will also cover the entire installation. Expect to see the bikes on 1st and 2nd shift, 6:30am to 12:00am.

Officers Vash and Cook pose with (left) DDSP Public Safety Deputy Butch Sheeley and (right) LtCol David Fisher, USMC, Chief of Public Safety in front of Building 911.



(Left to right) *Officers Todd Vash and Jennifer Cook are two of three "bike cops" patrolling DDSP.*

